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# S. 472

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “National Monuments  
5       Act of 2009”.

6       **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS.**

7       The Act of June 8, 1906 (16 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) is  
8       amended—

9               (1) in section 2 (16 U.S.C. 431), by striking  
10       “**SEC. 2.** That the” and inserting the following:

1   **“SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS.**

2           “After obtaining congressional approval of the pro-  
3 posed national monument and certifying compliance with  
4 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.  
5 4321 et seq.) with respect to the proposed national monu-  
6 ment, the”; and

7           (2) by adding at the end the following:

8   **“SEC. 5. RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC USE.**

9           “The Secretary of the Interior shall not implement  
10 any restrictions on the public use of a national monument  
11 until the expiration of an appropriate review period (as  
12 determined by the Secretary of the Interior) providing for  
13 public input and congressional approval.”.

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